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Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன திட்டம் ரொம்ப இனிமையாகத்தான் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் உற்பத்தியாகும் வெல்லத்துக்கு சரியான விலை கிடைக்காதது தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு இனிமையைத் தருவதாயில்லை. அதனால் அவர்கள் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். ஆகையால் குறைந்தபட்சமாக பதனீராவது விற்று அதனால் ஏற்படும் பலனை அனுபவிப்பதற்கு அவர்கள் அனுமதிக்கப்படுவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : வெல்லம் உற்பத்தியானவுடன் அது கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களின் மூலமாகத்தான் விற்கப்படவேண்டும் என்று சட்டம் இருக்கிறது. அந்த சட்டத்தை மீறி நடப்பவர்களுக்கு தண்டனை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது என்று நேற்று நான் பதில் சொன்னதிலிருந்து கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்குத் தெரிந்திருக்கும். மற்ற விஷயத்தைப் பற்றி தனி கேள்வி கேட்டால், அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, has informed the Coovery and Kuttiatoor tappers, when they applied for licence for tapping coconut palm for making jaggery, that there were other works and that it was not necessary that they should take up this work. May I know on what basis the District Superintendent of Police said so and whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the question on special representation, if made, with facts and figures to prove that the District Superintendent of Police was wrong?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, this is a general question. If the hon. Member tables a separate interpellation, I will be able to answer his question.

Propagating Kalari form of physical culture

* 139 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any plan to propagate the Kalari form of physical culture in any of the National Extension Service and Community Project areas in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have included Kalari in any physical culture institutes under its control?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) A grant of 50 per cent of the cost of equipment subject to a maximum of Rs. 100 for a sangham is permissible in the Blocks in Malabar district, the number of sanghams receiving a grant being limited to 4 per block. Apart from this, there is no plan for propagating this form of physical culture in National Extension Service and Community Project areas.

(*b*) It is proposed to start a course in Kalaripayat with an instructor from Malabar in Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, this is one of the finest forms of physical culture, indigenous as the Hon. Minister would agree. Will the Government, therefore, recruit quite a number of Kalari experts and organize this system of Kalari for the development of the youth of Tamil Nad?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This valuable suggestion of the hon. Member will be quite well appreciated not only by the Government but by all the other hon. Members in this House. Government will start this course in the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education and then they will see.

Attappadi Valley forest

* 139-A Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sent any communication to the Centre during the year 1956 requesting that Attappadi Valley forest in Malabar be transferred to Madras after the States Re-organization; and

(b) whether the Government have received any reply from the Centre?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Yes, Sir. In January 1956, the Government made a request to the Government of India that the block of forests covering about 24 square miles of land in the Attappady Block VI in the present Malabar district should be retained in the Madras State after the States are re-organized.

(b) No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether this Government have received any reply to that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

Celebration of Buddha's 2,500th Birthday

* 139-B Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government propose to celebrate the 2,500th birthday of Lord Buddha;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of expenditure for the said celebrations; and

(c) whether it is a fact that death sentence is proposed to be suspended for a year in this State; in commemoration of the said celebrations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) A Special Exhibition of Buddhist antiquities was held in the Centenary Exhibition Hall in the Government Museum, Madras. It was inaugurated by the President of India on 27th May 1956 and an expenditure of Rs. 8,150 was incurred in this connexion. The Government also sanctioned the supply, free of cost, of a sweet and pongal to the inmates of the several Indian Boarding Homes, Orphanages, Borstal and Certified Schools, Remand Homes, etc. One sweet and pongal was also supplied to all prisoners in connexion with the celebrations.

(c) No, Sir.